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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



JUMP START



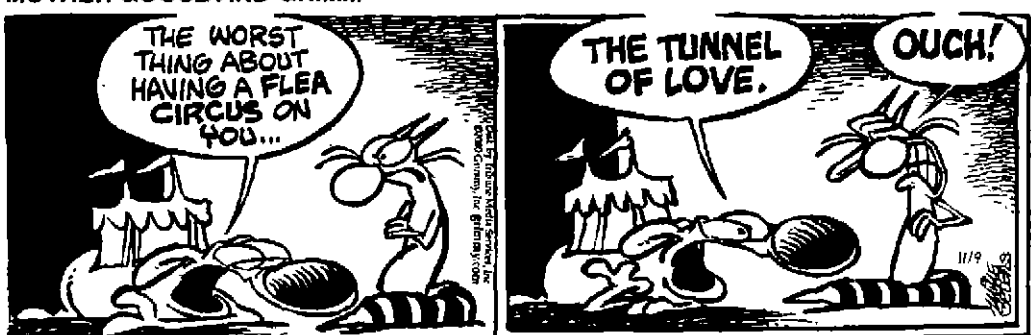
ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



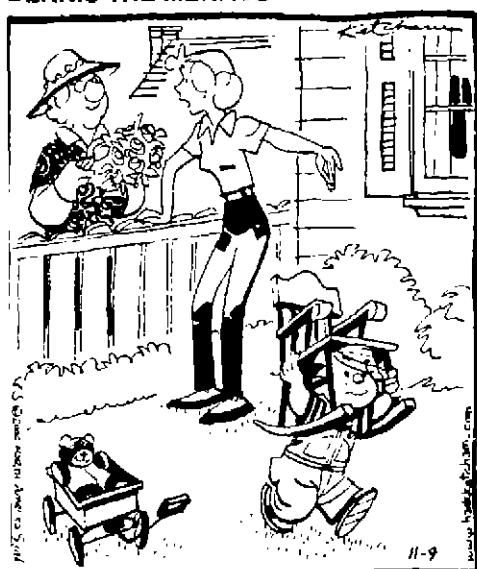
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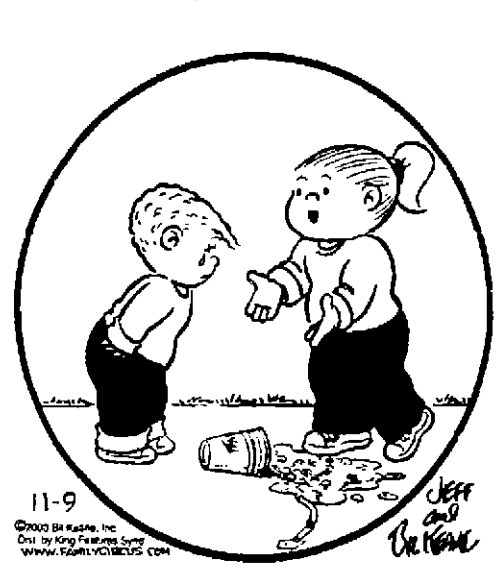
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DENNIS THE MENACE



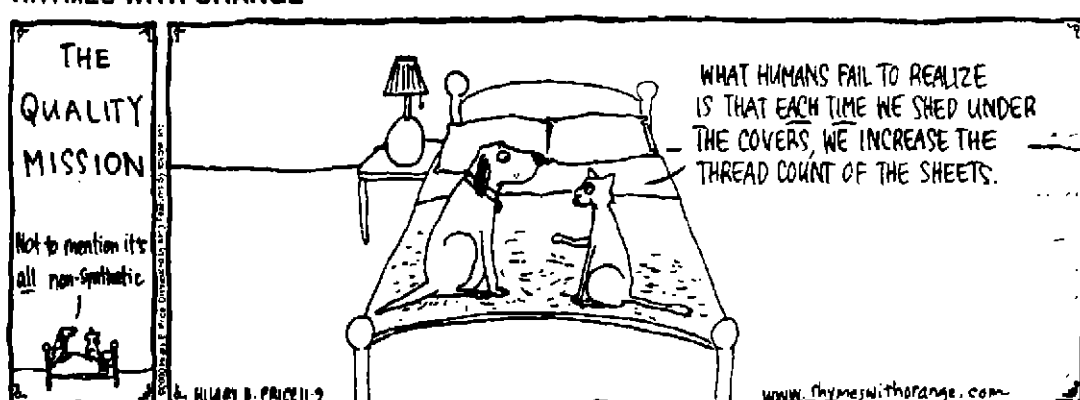
FAMILY CIRCUS



"NOTHING HE DOES SURPRISES ME, YET EVERYTHING HE DOES SURPRISES ME."

"Don't cry over spilled SODA, either."

RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, Nov. 10, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're not quite to the finish line yet, but you can see it from here.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) People are dancing to the beat of your drummer for a change, so make the most of it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Avoid impetuous action and keep those lips tightly zipped.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're bursting with crazy, original ideas.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You have an urge to take a walk on the wild side. Fight it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Your mastery of arcane trivia comes in handy, but you've got more on your mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your natural beauty shines, and everyone takes notice of your grace.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Flexibility is the key to survival now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Dot your i's and cross your t's wherever you are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Your inner child is ready to break out; find it some real children to play with.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) The good news: Keep your eyes open and you'll learn something.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Your favorite muse has stopped by for a visit, and your creativity readings are off the meter.

RALPH



WORD SLEUTH

TEAM SPORTS

MYWTRPMFOOTBALL
RKIRUGBYFDBYLLW
YEKCOHAEUSQAOAM
RKCIFCSRDBBRZBX
OWCCHSKEUEOASTQ
WORTONELSLBWJFH
IFIRDSTACASFYOW
NNCLLABYELLOVS
GAKTSQASPNGLKI
LHEFECLEBZYDUWVU
SRTQPOLOPRETAWN

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted clue hint: PLAYED ON ICE

Baseball	Football	Rugby	Volleyball
Basketball	Lacrosse	Soccer	Water polo
Baseball	Relays	Softball	Yachting
Cricket	Rowing	Tug of war	

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For solution, see Classified.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

West leads his club seven to dummy's king, and South leads a low heart from dummy after cashing dummy's trump ace. When East puts in his jack and South follows low, what should West do? If West follows low routinely, the pressure is on East. If he leads another heart or returns a club, South will make his game. Only if East leads a low diamond will the game go down after a diamond ruff by West.

Some East players will find this defense; some will not. That's when good partners come to the day. Instead of allowing East's heart jack to win at trick three, they overtake with the heart ace. Then they cash the diamond ace to lead another diamond to East's king, relieving East of any problems and making it routine to find the diamond ruff. Another definition of a good partner? He's the guy who rescues us when we are about to make an error.

NORTH

♠ A
♥ Q 8 6 2
♦ Q 8 4 3
♣ A K

WEST

♠ J 2
♥ A 10 3
♦ A 5
♣ Q 8 7 5 2

EAST

♠ 7 4 3
♥ K J 5 4
♦ K 6 2
♣ J 10 4

SOUTH

♠ K Q 10 9 8 6 3
♥ 7
♦ J 10 7
♣ 8 3

Vulnerable: East-West

Dealer: East

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All pass			

Opening lead: Club seven

BRIDGE RESULTS

Bridge Studio: Sunday afternoon, first, Sonny Clifford, Joe Fortino; Sunday evening, first, Joe Fortino, George Valette; Monday evening, first, Judie Bailey, Murray Hall; Tuesday evening, first, Bill Barrington, Nan Cramer; Wednesday evening, first, Jane Donn, Bruce Rubin; Thursday morning Teaching Game, 1 NS, Debi Belanger, Sheila Comerford; 2/3 NS, Anne Halverson, Petie Halverson; Pauline Filsinger, Petie Pilcher; 1 EW, Walter Dodge, Bob Thurston; 2 EW, Pat Miller, Paul Swarthout; Thursday evening, first, Carmen Chavez, Howard Cring; second/third, Al Bard, Bill Pennington; John Chappell, John DeMaria; Friday morning, first, Allene Huntley, Ellen Dixon; second/third, Carl Brown, Pauline Filsinger; Joe Fortino, Bill Barrington; Friday evening, first, Bill Oliver, George Valette; second, Judy Everts, Cameron Ross.

Bridge Studio E-Z Bridge Division: Monday afternoon Intermediate Game, 1 NS, Sarah Florito, Jean Oberg; 1 EW, Mary Livingston, Nancy Lorz; Monday evening Intermediate Game, first, Ed Roultson, Maureen Sager; Tuesday afternoon Intermediate Game, first/second, Al Roultson, Trudy Roultson; Paula Boghosian, Sarah Florito; Wednesday afternoon Novice Game, first, Janet Gillen, Nancy Sager.

Concord Aces: Monday morning, 1 NS, Bib Letham, Clo Morris; 2 NS, Fran McCarthy, Sally Wright; 1 EW, Joe & Mary Brown; 2 EW, Alex & Marge Weldon.

Liverpool Duplicate Bridge Club: Wednesday morning, 1 NS, Barb Reinschmidt, Katherine Worthen; 2 NS, Judy Butcher, Lorrie Desruisseaux; 1 EW, Joan Liddle, Fran McCarthy; 2 EW, Alberta McCormick, Sally Wright.

Stonehedge Duplicate Bridge Club: Tuesday morning, 1 NS, Judy Butcher, Ronni Capraro; 2 NS, Harriet Koprowski, Golde Walczyk; 1 EW, Pat Hill, Ruth Richner; 2 EW, Margaret Ferris, Kaye Mason.

Radisson Bridge Club: first, Pat Roe, Ted Roe; second, Nancy Noble, Mike Rich.

Suburbanites: Friday morning, 1 NS, Anne O'Brien, Ellen Ryan; 2 NS, Anne Garofalo, Barb Reinschmidt; 1 EW, Betty Burns, Alberta McCormick; 2 EW, Natalie Johnston, Louise Staring.

Syracuse Contract Duplicate Bridge Club: Tuesday morning, 99er game, first, Don & Lee Toomey; second, Carolyn Perry, Robert Thor; Tuesday evening, 99er game, first, Lee Green, Verna Hundsharner; second, Ken & Pauline Rose; Wednesday evening, first, Ken Koenig, Joe Catrombone; second, Frank Kunsman, Rick Olanoff; Thursday noon, first, Laura Distin, Alberta McCormick; second, Pam Gibson, Paul Peters; Sunday afternoon, first, Gerry Radway, Ellen Ryan; second, Tiz Murphy, Ruth Richner.

Western Hills Duplicate Bridge Club: Thursday morning, 1 NS, Anne Carmola, Kaye Mason; 2 NS, Ronni Capraro, Betty Pfeiffer; 1 EW, Jackie LaPenna, Judy Sylvester; 2 EW, Pat Hill, Alyce Martin.

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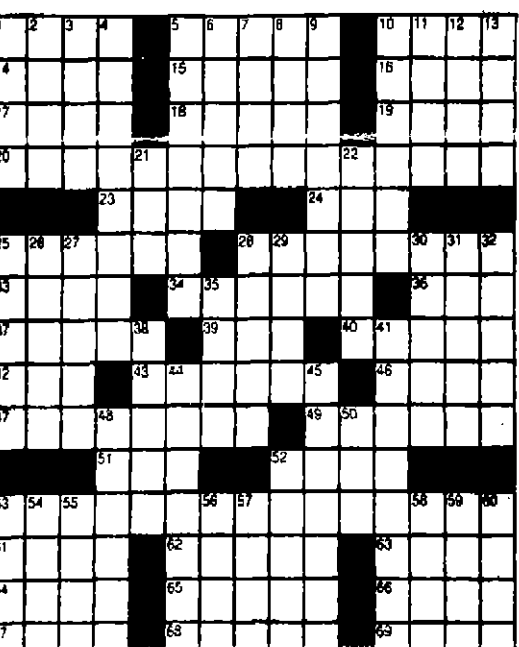
- Secure with rope
- Cassandra's father
- Arnold Schwarzenegger's Austrian birthplace
- Corp. monitor
- Andrew Wyeth's "Pictures"
- Zhivago's love
- Blacken
- Copycats
- uproar
- With 53-Across, a comment on British P.M. William Gladstone
- "Santa Baby" hitmaker, 1953
- Sign
- Barrio resident
- With 47-Across, maker of the comment
- Route for Ben-Hur
- The sphere one moves in
- 1969 movie starring Omar Sharif
- Long skirts
- Conversation stopper?
- Conrad of early films
- Group of periods
- Twins
- "Get ___!"
- See 28-Across
- Traffic site
- Kind of bark
- Not for
- See 20-Across
- Uncontrolled

DOWN

- Poetic name for Ireland
- Stiff in the joints
- World chess org.
- Unprecedented
- Bioka
- Padded
- Doesn't eat politely
- Emerald City visitor
- Place to summer in Scotland
- 1968 U.S. Open champion
- One-time Islamic leader
- Cio-Cio-San's way out
- Not really there
- Move, in a way
- "Before ___ you go..."
- Taj Mahal site
- Ballet Russe dancer Leonide
- The Father of Russian Music
- Tried to contact
- Asia's ___ Sea
- Author Grey
- Wrong
- Twain's ___ Joe
- Did a lawn job
- Game company founded in 1972
- Where bluebonnets bloom
- Pancakes served with sour cream

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

RAGA PAPA SHALT
ABOUT EVIL CABIN
MOST SOTO ARENT
PUTINONTHERITZ
STOLE ARC
ARGOT REJOIN
ACT VIDEO ORNE
THELEINISISTERS
MESA NOBAN SET
EXHORT NONOS
ORS RESTS
QUITTYOURSTALIN
BURST FLAW LAMA
LAINE ANNA EVER
TYSON RAIN DESK



Puzzle by François Herreyn

- Strauss's "Alpensinfonie"
- 1985 N.L. M.V.P.
- "Do ___ a Waltz?"
- Nice
- It might be surrounded by bows
- Music practice
- Caveman's tool, e.g.
- Victim of herd mentality
- Mercury wore winged ones
- Smelled
- Way: Abbr.
- 1973 resignee
- Lot
- Arabian bigwig
- Old fogey
- Unwavering
- St. Petersburg's river
- Backtalk?
- Talk
- Til for tat, e.g.?

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